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SUBJ: CASABLANCA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

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1. FIVE YEARS AFTER THE FIRST AND LAST DOLS. 170,000 FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS PERFORMED BY SOFRETEU(SOFRETRANSPORTS URBAINS), 120 RUE REAUMUR, PARIS 2EME, FRANCE, THE RAPID TRANSIT METRO SYSTEM FOR CASABLANCA IS STILL A NON-STARTER.

2. IN MEETING WITH COMMOFF ON FEBRUARY 13, MR. A. LARAICHI, DIRECTOR GNERAL, REGIE AUTONOME DE TRANSPORTSEN COMMON DE CASA-BLANCA ADVISED THAT EVEN THOUGH GORVERNOR OF CASABLANCA STRONGLY SUPPORTS CONSTRUCTION OF METRO SYSTEM , GOM OFFICIALS IN RABAT QUESTIONS EFFICACY OF AND MANIFESTING VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN METRO PROJECT. LARAICHI STILL CONTINUING LOBBYING EFFORTS TO PERSUADE GOM TO INCLUDE PROJECT IN CURRENT 73-77 FIVE YEAR PLAN, AND RECEIVE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO FINANCA SECOND FEASIBILITY STUDY TO TEST SOIL OF PROPOSED NINE KILOMETER ROUTE. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT WITHIN NEXT 18 .MONTHS HE WILL BE ABLE TO ISSUE TENDER FOR SECOND STUDY.

3. WE CONCLUDE THAT ARTICLE IN INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY JOURNAL REPORTING FEASIBILITY STUDY IN PROGRESS IS VERY PREMATURE.
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